



#10/B
aA
314103

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Guojun Zhou

Application No.: 09/685,419

Docket No.: P9908

Filed: 10/10/2000

For: Language Independent Voice-based
Search Engine

Examiner: Abul K. Azad

Art Unit: 2654

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

RECEIVED

FEB 03 2003

Technology Center 2600

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action dated December 2, 2002, please refer to
the following amendment and remarks.

Claims as currently presented:

- 62
B1
1. A method of interfacing to a system comprising:
receiving speech input data from a user;
identifying a language spoken by the user from the speech input data;
converting the speech input data into a first text in the identified language
by recognizing the user's speech in the speech input data based at least in part
on the language identifier;
parsing the first text to extract keywords;